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New showcase for artists

ARTISTS now have the opportunity to showcase their work at Leigh Community Centre.

A project called the affordable art wall has been displaying work by professional artists, gallerists, emerging artists and amateurs.

Many of the works reflect artists' love of the sea, the area's landscape and architecture, as well as travels further afield and subjects of interest to individual artists.

The community centre provides a continually changing display of artworks, representing the wide community of individuals in Leigh-on-Sea and beyond.

Artist-in-residence Madeline

Murphy is part of the partnership which runs the centre.

Madeline, who has been a lecturer for 15 years, leading an HND course in ceramics at South Essex College, said: "Leigh-on-Sea has been lifted by local artists. It has become a very desirable place to live, and this has largely been thanks to the creativity within the town. Property prices have rocketed. We have a lot to thank our artists for.

"Artists participating in this initiative show their generosity in bringing the best of their work forward for exhibition and purchase to the wider public.



AFFORDABLE ART: Madeline Murphy in Leigh-on-Sea

"The project is run on a voluntary basis, by artists for artists, on behalf of Leigh Community Centre for the wider community."

Proceeds from the sale of artworks support artists, the development of art in Leigh-on-Sea, and Leigh Community Centre.

SOCCEDOME PLANS BOOST

By Suzi Muston

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FOOTBALLERS and schoolchildren will be able to play and train in Europe's biggest indoor training facility in Southend.

Southend United Football Club boss Ron Martin has splashed out £2million on the indoor training venue called Soccerdome.

The club has lodged a planning application to build the two giant domes with Southend Council.

The Soccerdome has been earmarked for the club's training ground Boots and Laces, in Eastern Avenue.

The arrival of the dome will enable Blues to push for category two status in youth team football.

There are no comparative training facilities near Southend for 40 or 50 miles.

The structure, consisting of two giant domes which are the size of two football pitches, was formerly at Greenwich, south-east London,

opposite the O2 Arena.

It was built in 2005 on land that had been earmarked for further redevelopment following the 2012 London Olympics.

The two huge domes were originally part of the David Beckham Academy.

They had been used as a venue to teach footballers, managers and match officials of the future.

It was also used for Premier League academy tournaments, football leagues, charity events and

for corporate training.

The venue was pulled down in November last year to make way for London Mayor Boris Johnson's redevelopment of Greenwich.

A spokesman for the club said it would put Southend into one of the strongest academies outside of the Premier League.

The spokesman said: "The future of the club lies in bringing new talent through.

"This will put Southend academy on the map."

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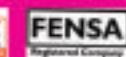


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£0.8m park revamp brings joy to locals

By Suzi Muston

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A NEW playground in Shoebury is proving to be a big hit with toddlers and parents.

Independent councillor, Shoeburyness ward, Mike Assenheim said scores of mums, dads and children have been saying thank you for their new facility.

Cllr Assenheim along with past councillors, one of whom is now deceased, the other who has lost their seat, pushed for the £800,000 playground in Ness Road after parents told him there was little for their children to do.

Work which began at the beginning of the year is now almost complete.

The park now boasts extensive children's play equipment including swings, slides, roundabouts and a skateboarding area with ramps.

There is also a high tech outdoor gym area called Adizone. This contains equipment normally found in a gym, including running machines, weights etc and a basketball court.

Work on a new pavilion, which has planning permission in place, should begin next month along with a tennis court, pathway layouts and lighting.

There are also plans for licencing a refreshment vehicle in the future.

Cllr Assenheim said: "I am absolutely delighted to say, it's being extremely well used with high attendance by the young people in Shoeburyness and packed with youngsters at every opportunity.

"I have only had fantastic comments from residents whose children and grandchildren are using the park.

"There was a very small children's play facility here, but it was always getting vandalised.

"Over the years, the authorities have learnt how to curb vandalism and use stronger material to create the park.

"Bovis Homes built 200 properties nearby and paid for the new park under a 106 agreement."

AHOY THERE: Scarlet Beal, Sammy Acton, Karen Walsh, Oliver Beal and Charlie Clift on the pirate ship

Photos by Mark Cleveland



HAPPY FAMILIES: Paul Bridges, left, Linda Wright, Gemma Clarke and Isla Peacher with Cllr Mike Assenheim



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What's more, dads go free with a full-paying admission when you book online, so what are you waiting for?

Online tickets cost £9.99, or £11.50 on the door, with free entry for under-twentwo.

On July 11 and 12, the farm park will stage a Teddy Bears Picnic event, when youngsters can take their teddies and join in the fun and games. Tickets, which includes storytelling, a teddy bear trail and dancing fun with Twinkle and Teddy from Baby Ballet, cost £9.99 online or £11.50 on the door,



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Westcliff flytippers targeted by CCTV



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Residents and shop keepers want to ban fly tipping

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FLY tipping has become such a problem in Westcliff council chiefs set to install CCTV.

Residents say they are fed up with people dumping rubbish in their roads and alleyways.

City banker Roy Potter, 47, said: "We see sofas, chairs, plates, all sorts of things, we do need a camera at least to deter fly tippers."

Shop keepers in Westcliff have launched a campaign, Tidy up Westcliff. Peter Norman, who owns Bathstore, in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff said: "The fly tipping and general rubbish situation in and around Anerley Road is unacceptable.

"This amount of rubbish reflects badly on local busi-

nesses and residents alike."

Councillor Jonathon Garston (Conservative) met with an officer and the leader of the council to show them fly tipping hot spots on Friday.

Local landlords have also set up an action group called SEAL South Essex Alliance of Landlords, to inform their tenants of their responsibilities when issues like fly tipping occur.

Labour Councillor Cheryl Nevin, Milton ward, said the problem was being dealt with by the council.

She said: "The new cross party coalition has renegotiated the Cory contract, due to start in the Autumn. The coali-

tion has taken enforcement action to clear many front gardens, (where the previous administration didn't), conducting a major street blitz in the centre of town last year."

Cllr Martin Terry, executive councillor waste and transport, said: "We work very hard with our contractor Cory to ensure that the streetscene is clean and tidy and we understand that there are certain hotspots where there are issues such as fly-tipping.

The next stage will be to explore the use of CCTV and enforcement action to help us catch those selfishly dumping rubbish in the streets and alleyways."

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'This race is for you dad'

Brave George, seven, starts half marathon in memory of his father

By Pat Higgins

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THE YOUNG son of the man who died aged 37 after finishing last year's Havens half marathon, sounded the klaxon to start this year's race.

Seven-year-old George Palmer sent more than 2,000 runners off on the 13.1k coastal race, which was dedicated to his father Nick with the theme Celebrate Running, Celebrate Life.

Last year Nick, a member of Southend Flyers Running Club, collapsed and sadly died moments after completing the race.

More than 40 members of the club turned out to honour Nick and celebrate his life.

In a statement, Nick's parents Alan and Linda said: "This past year we have been overwhelmed with the kind messages of support from Nick's friends, family, running club colleagues and the local community - it has meant a great deal to us.

"Today has been emotional for all those who knew and loved Nick but it has been wonderful to see everyone coming together to remember him in this way.

"He had a passion for running and was a member of the Southend Flyers Running Club where he trained people and took part in many full and half marathons so it was a fitting tribute. "Today we honoured his memory and

created new ones with his son, George." There was a minute's applause before the race started as a tribute to Nick.

Keith Passingham, who founded the Southend Flyers Running Club in 2001, said: "It has been a very emotional day but we have got through it together and have tried to celebrate Nick's life rather than look back on what happened last year in a bad way.

"We all ran in groups rather than for personal bests and the support we have had from non-runners has been great."

This was the 20th anniversary of the coastal run from Shoeburyness along the seafront, raising money for Haven Hospice in Westcliff, which cares for adults and Thundersley's little Havens for children.

More than 20,000 people have taken part since it started in 1995.

It was originally named the Jim Peters' Southend Half Marathon in memory of the former record holder of the world's fastest marathon, who lived in Thorpe Bay.

It was organised by running club the Vestall Vergins but when the club closed the organisation of the event was passed to Havens Hospices, which has always been the benefactor of sponsorship from the event.

Judy Grocott, hospices events manager said: "We wanted to remember



CELEBRATING RUNNING, CELEBRATING LIFE: George with his klaxon, mum Anne Frewin and grandmother Linda Palmer. His father Nick Palmer, left, a member of Southend Flyers Running Club, tragically collapsed and died after finishing last year's race

Nick after his tragic death last year, and honour his memory at this year's run. I would like to thank all of those who made this possible, including Nick's parents and family who we have worked with closely and his friends, including those at Southend Flyers Running Club."

First to cross the finish line was Paul Whittaker in just over an hour followed by Daniel Steel and Dan Carter while the first three women across were Emily Gelder, Vicki Brockband and Sarah Swinhoe. Another group was the 30 members



of Team TC. They were running for Tracey Ralph, the 35-year-old mum of two, who had to have her legs and fingers amputated after falling gravely ill with meningitis last Christmas.

Tracey is now back with family in Hawkwell. Her sister-in-law, Amanda Ralph said: "Tracey is coming to terms with what she can and can't do.

"Thanks to everyone's fundraising her home has been renovated and she is having physio to learn to walk again.

"She has been overwhelmed with all of the fundraising. She is quite a pri-

vate person so she was a bit embarrassed at first but incredibly grateful for all the support."

Tash Manley, who has completed the London Marathon for Havens Hospices, said: "It was a really good run. It was a lot cooler which helped."

Friends Vicki Kenney and Michelle Thomas ran together in just over two hours. Vicki said: "We ran as part of 'Team Havens' this year and they were really supportive with the training."

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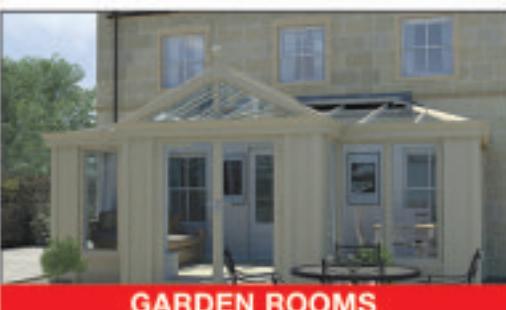
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Free parking after 6pm brings big trade boost

By Suzi Muston

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THRILLED Southend business people have seen trade rocket by 30 per cent thanks to free parking.

Southend Business Improvement District (BID) pushed for the free parking in a bid to bolster the local economy.

The scheme for free parking after 6pm was originally trialled last year and was made a permanent feature in February.

Business owners are delighted as visitors have stayed longer and spent more.

Hippodrome Arcade owner, Martin Richardson, said: "We have seen an increase in the evening trade.

"This seafront needs to have evening advantages and the introduction of the free parking after 6pm is just what was needed.

"The fact the BID and the traders are involved more highlights what this town has to offer.

"Free parking is a welcome advantage to entice walkers and families to use City Beach."

Dave Rayment, manager of Beaches Bistro, Marine Parade, said: "Parking charges lifted from 6pm are a long overdue outcome.

"The town and seafront work hard together via the Southend BID it feels good to get a result that ben-



ALL PART OF THE SERVICE: Business Improvement District street rangers Andrew Steel, Quentin Bailey and Rebecca Venn

efits all." Justin Carmichael, owner of Southend Rock and Gifts, said:

"The lack of charges for parking after 6pm has had a massive impact on business especially at weekends.

"It keeps people and families on the seafront longer with no rush to get back to their cars."

A worker at Royal Fish and Chips in the High Street who did not wish to be named said: "I do believe that business has improved now that the parking is free after 6pm.

"It gives the public more opportunity to come to the High Street,

and which creates more business opportunities."

Chairman of BID, Royals Shopping Centre manager Dawn Jeakings said: "We have taken a pragmatic approach to the decline in potential visitor numbers and given customers a fresh set of reasons to shop in a traditionally buzzy, fun and pleasant environment.

"BID has appointed a team of street rangers, tasked with meeting and greeting visitors. They provide a link with the police to help reduce

crime and anti-social behaviour." BID manager Alison Dewey said: "Our members in that area have reported a 30 per cent increase in trade. Of course, there is much more to be done and we certainly can't rest on our laurels. But these findings show that the BID was indeed the right way to go."

Paul Thompson, chairman of Southend Seafront Traders' Association, said: "Anything that drops parking charges will see a boost in trade.

"The new cabinet at Southend Council have been really positive in working with traders here.

"It's a bit early in the season to say, but when the BID put on their free fireworks nights last October, we saw a big uptake in trade when parking was free."

Cllr Martin Terry, Executive Councillor for Transport, said: "The joint administration is committed to helping local businesses as much as it can, and we want to send a message that Southend-on-Sea is very much open for business.

"I am therefore delighted that the parking changes on the seafront which means that the Seaways, Western Esplanade and Fairheads car parks are free after 6pm has helped to boost trade. This small but effective change means they are now in line with the town centre car parks which is also good news for residents and visitors too."

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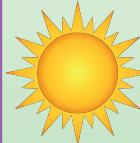
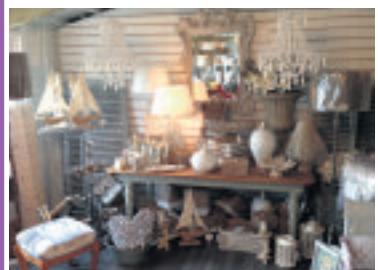
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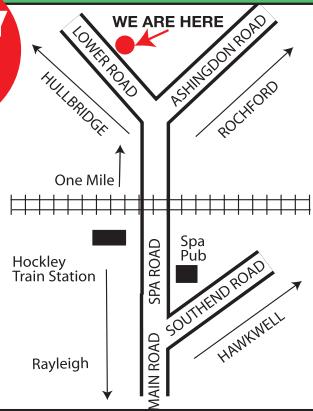
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Caroline Kendall, in 1940s dress, sits in the restored Plotlands house

Reliving war on nature reserve

By Charles Thomson

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SECOND World War survivors have been invited to a nature reserve to share their memories of wartime Britain.

Visitors to the Langdon Nature Reserve will be transported back to the 1940s during a themed event next month.

Organisers want to record the memories of people who experienced the Blitz firsthand and particularly people who spent time at the Plotlands.

The 500-acre nature reserve once housed the Plotlands – homes built by London families to hide from German bombs.

One of the houses, now used as the Haven Museum, has been restored to 1940s style and

will be open all day. The site is maintained by nature charity the Essex Wildlife Trust. Vintage musicians will entertain and prizes will be handed out for the best 1940s costumes.

Photographs and displays will be exhibited.

Local authors Peter Jackson and Deanna Walker will lead a walking tour of the reserve before signing copies of their books about the Plotlands.

There will be games such as "whack the rat" and a coconut shy.

A picnic will be held, with a barbecue and a bar, a ration sweet shop and wartime Camp coffee will be available.

Entry to the day, which will run from 11am until 4pm, will cost £3 per adult and £2 per under-16. The visitor centre is located on Lower Dunton Road, Basildon.

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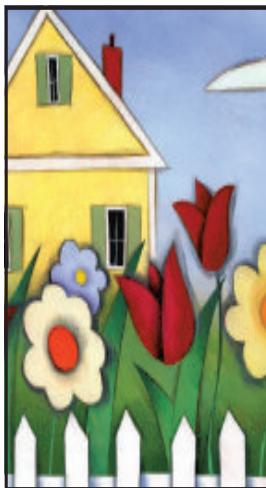
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SUCCESS: Awards evening at South Essex College

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Students urged to take risks chasing careers

STUDENTS celebrated their achievements at a glitzy awards evening at South Essex College.

Thirty awards were presented to the best students in several subjects from the three campuses – Southend, Basildon and Thurrock – at the event at the college's Southend campus.

Awards included A-level student of the year, motor vehicle student of the year and hairdressing and beauty therapy student of the year.

Former student Jonah Ripley, who works in the media industry and has been employed by the BBC and Channel 4, was guest speaker.

He currently works for advertising agency TBWA which is behind TV adverts including the Guinness horse and waves feature.

Jonah delivered an inspiring speech about his journey and living with dyslexia. He said: "I like to shine my best. Rather than fighting my dyslexia, I have let it become my super power. It's not going to hold me back anymore."

He urged students to take risks with their careers and praised the college for supporting him.

"The college helped me cope with the course workload, they got me to where I wanted to be," he added.

Robyn Murray, 22, from Basildon, was named art and design student of the year and received the overall prize of student of the year.

She said: "I'm overwhelmed and shocked. I didn't expect this. College has been the best years of my life. I never thought I would get this far in education after finding out I was dyslexic."

She started with a level two course in acting, then completed a level three course in fine art before undertaking a level four UAL foundation diploma in art and design.

Robyn, who has secured a place at Goldsmiths University London to study art, added: "I would encourage any student to keep going, you get a lot of knocks in education and it's not easy but keep going. I always wanted to get into university, if you have a goal then nothing will stop you."

The evening included musical performances by students, a meal and a student magician to entertain the tables.

College principal and chief executive Angela O'Donoghue CBE said: "This is one of the highlights in the college year and one of the favourite parts of my job as principal. It is a real celebration of the diversity of courses, programmes and, indeed, people at South Essex College."

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Black is back

2 tone veteran Pauline Black is launching a new album and will be unveiling it at Village Green in Southend – an area with lot of links to her family, as LIZ WADE reports

WHEN Pauline Black appears with The Selecter at Village Green next month it will also be an excuse to return to her husband's old stomping ground and where her dad used to go to eat whelks.

The performance on July 11, in Chalkwell Park, Southend, lets her catch up with Hollie Cook, daughter of Sex Pistols' drummer Paul Cook, as they have appeared in previous line-ups together before.

Both platinum-selling 2 tone veterans, The Selecter and Hollie are among an outstanding line-up. Other acts include Nitin Sawhney; local legend Snowboy and the Latin Section who celebrate their 30th anniversary at Village Green; Essex-based band Asylums and Roland Gift of Fine Young Cannibals, featuring local lad Dave Randall of Faithless fame.

Pauline said: "Hollie Cook will be there. Prince Fatty has worked with her and we've played in line-ups with Hollie, so it will be great to hook up with her again. My dad would always go down to Southend and eat the whelks and it's my husband Terry's old stomping ground as he grew up in Westcliff."

The festival is one of a number that The Selecter, one of the most successful ska bands of the 2 tone era who notched up



VILLAGER: Pauline Black

Photo by Dean Chalkley
several top 40 singles, will be performing this year.

Born in Coggeshall and adopted by a white family, Pauline grew up in Romford.

"I lived there until I was 17 then went up to Coventry," she says. She went to Lanchester Polytechnic now Coventry University.

"I studied combined science to be a scientist but got bored with that," said Pauline, who trained as a radiographer and worked in the NHS for five years. It was in Coventry that she entered the music industry.

"I began playing, accompanying myself around clubs. I used to play my own compositions and cover other people's, then I caught the eye of someone who was in The Specials," she added. "I renamed myself Black. I've

always been Pauline. It was mainly because members of my family refused to call me black."

While it was a reaction to being referred to as coloured by her family, who adopted her after she was born to a teenage mother, the name allowed her to hide the fact that she was moonlighting while working in radiography.

"The early days were great, within six months we had a top 10 hit. It was the first band I was in and it's not often that your first band is a success," she says.

But in 1982 the band split up because of musical differences.

Pauline adds: "I'd been offered a series on Channel Four, Black on Black, then a play in London. I was in television and film, then the theatre, music carried me along in that period too."

The Selecter have sporadically reformed since 1994, but in 2010 a revival took place with Black and Arthur "Gaps" Hendrickson from the original band again playing together.

Pauline said: "A long time had intervened, it was really good to be back with Hendrickson and do a wider selection of The Selecter, in a male/female duo.

"We didn't want to be one of those bands that was a heritage band. We wanted to invest our money and time into making new music."

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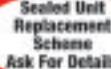
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Changes have to be made

AS Labour re-evaluates its offer to the electorate last month I expect we will see some policy changes.

This will doubtless receive mixed reactions, but however you look at it what we offered was rejected by the electorate – and changes have to be made.

The first significant re-think has come in the guise of the referendum on whether the UK remains in the EU.

I confess that I was not keen on the idea of a referendum.

However, there is no getting away from the fact that this is a minority view, and any sensible politician should always be mindful of public opinion.

I still think that the debate will create an air of uncertainty in the business world, especially if it looks like those who want a UK exit might be getting their way. Nonetheless, the referendum lies before us, and those of us who want the UK to remain in the EU must make the argument.

I am in no doubt that the EU is in need of reform; almost two decades of accounts not signed off is but one area of concern. However, I am in no doubt that our prosperity is bound up with Europe.

I also believe that the British have a long and proud history of reaching out to the world, and exit would signal a reversal of that approach.

We no longer have the Empire, and the world has moved on considerably since our entry into the Common Market in 1973. New economies now challenge for supremacy, and if we give up our seat at the big table of Europe, we will only blunt our competitive edge in the economic battles to come.

We also have the challenges of climate change, terrorism, and international crime to deal with, and being part of the EU makes us better able to do this.

A small island state does not have the clout of a large chunk of continental Europe, and our voice and standing in the world would undoubtedly diminish should those who want exit win the referendum.

By all means let's change and improve the European Union, but please do not gamble with our place in the world, our prosperity, and the future of the generations to come.

We are better off in.

*Julian Ware-Lane
Leigh-on-Sea*

Clean air is surely a human right

I WOULD like to write this open letter to our MP Rebecca Harris, Castle Point Borough Council and Essex County Council.

I am pleased to hear due to your great publication and many more campaigns that the UK Supreme Court, the country's highest legislative body,

declared the UK's levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) pollution a danger to public health.

NO2, a constituent of exhaust emissions, is widely linked to respiratory and heart problems.

In a unanimous declaration by its five judges, the court ordered the government to have EU-compliant air quality plans in place by December 31.

The UK has been in breach of NO2 targets for more than five years. Failing to curb air pollution is irresponsible and wrong. The court's ruling backing action is a huge step in the direction of healthier air.

If anything is a human right, clean air is surely it.

Public health requires long-term solutions.

What do they intend to do now?

*Ken Banham
Canvey Island*

Don't leave decisions with county

DAVID Finch, the leader of Essex County Council (ECC), has stated again that it would like more powers to be devolved to ECC, as he believes that as cities are to get more power this should be the same for counties.

If we are going to have more decisions and services made locally, I believe they would be better made at district level not county.

ECC has a poor record of decisions and service for our

community and the sooner it is replaced by unitary authorities the better.

Basildon is already pushing to leave ECC and Rochford District Council and others should be doing the same.

I believe more control locally on highways, schools etc would benefit us all. I am sure it could not be any worse.

As for devolution, we just need an English Parliament similar to what they have and will get in Scotland with decisions made only by our own English MPs.

*Alan James
Hockley*

Surrender to the new Germany

I FIND it hard to believe that the prime minister, who is supposed to be the guardian of British democracy, appeared to be bullying MPs into supporting his views under threat of the sack. Is there a Tory MP anywhere with the courage to disagree with him?

I want a leader that dictates British terms, not one that asks France and Germany for permission to lead our country.

David Cameron needs to grow a pair. It's a good job he

was not leading Britain during our last two wars because he would have surrendered to Hitler, the same as he has now to the new Germany.

*Keith Little
North Benfleet*

Time to read the small print

AS we celebrate the anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede, two of the most well known clauses present ethical conundrums in the modern world.

Magna Carta clause 39 states: "No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so EXCEPT BY LAWFUL JUDGEMENT OF HIS EQUALS."

However, who are the equals? For example, should bankers judge bankers, MPs judge other MPs and the police judge their colleagues to name but just a few?

Clause 13 states: "The city of London shall enjoy all its ancient liberties and free customs, both by land and by

water".

Perhaps with the succession of scandals to hit the City over recent years quite how many ancient liberties and free customs the City should be given is open to question?

*Andrew Summers
Co-author Magna Carta in Essex Benfleet*

Corruption has a thin dividing line

SUGGESTIONS of corruption in FIFA, is a bandwagon that our Prime Minister cannot resist jumping on.

Apparently he expressed his concern with corruption at the G7 probably without thinking that "them", the rich and the powerful, are the main protagonists.

There seems to be a narrow dividing line between what is corrupt and what isn't. It seems massive donations to politicians and political parties followed by contracts and elevations to the House of Lords are not regarded as such.

This is just as well as otherwise so many MPs of various parties would be fingered.

*Les Harrington
Benfleet*

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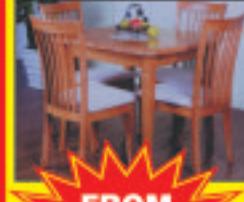


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AN AIRLINE has thanked a Basildon Hospital doctor who came to the rescue in a mid-air medical emergency.

Lufthansa praised consultant physician Dr Kazi Azad after he sprang into action on a flight from Saudi Arabia to Germany.

Dr Azad, 46, who works in the hospital's Acute Medical Unit, volunteered his services when a fellow passenger became "critically ill".

He said he feared for her life and did not hesitate to step in, despite press reports about doctors intervening in emergency medical situations and subsequently being sued.

He told the YA: "It is a moral obligation. You forget about everything else. If you can help, do it. You are a doctor. If an emergency happens, I believe it is our moral obligation."

Dr Azad, who is married with three sons, has worked at Basildon Hospital since November 2012.

He rushed to the back of the plane when a woman in her 20s fell unconscious and staff asked whether there was a doctor on board the flight.

Cabin crew laid the woman on the floor of the kitchen so Dr Azad could assess her.

He recalled: "After giving her oxygen she slowly came around enough to tell me, though a member of cabin crew who was interpreting, that she was breathless and her throat and chest felt tight."

Dr Azad had been on the patient's flight into Saudi Arabia as well, during which she was treated by a different doctor after experiencing sudden facial swelling.

He diagnosed her as suffering from anaphylaxis – a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction which can cause the throat to completely close up.

He said: "I gave an adrenalin injection to address anaphylaxis and put a cannula in her arm to start giving intravenous fluids.

"I monitored her blood pressure closely and attached a portable defibrillator and saturation probe to monitor her heart rhythm, pulse and



DR KAZI AZAD: received 16,000 air miles

blood oxygen level.

"Her condition gradually started to improve over the next couple of hours so an emergency landing was not needed. I sat with her for the rest of the flight.

"We were given seats in business class and I felt like I had earned the very nice breakfast I was served.

"When we arrived in Frankfurt the passenger was met by paramedics and taken straight to hospital.

"The crew said they were very grateful that I was on the flight.

"I must give credit to them as they were very calm and professional, listened to what I said and followed my direction throughout."

The airline has given Dr Azad 16,000 air miles to thank him for his heroic actions.

In an email to Dr Azad, Lufthansa said: "On behalf of our medical department and customer relations we sincerely thank you for your support.

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Give dad a treat with a look around Vulcan bomber

THE RESTORED Vulcan bomber at London Southend Airport is open on Sunday for Father's Day.

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Dads – and everyone else – can climb into the cockpit, see the flight equipment and learn how the aircrew worked together, and see what it was like to have been at the

controls of this huge aircraft when it protected the country.

Vulcan Restoration Trust secretary Richard Clarkson said: "It's not just a fabulous day out for families and enthusiasts but a superb way for us to raise much needed funds to keep XL426 in tip-top condition."

The trust depends on fundraising to help pay for engineering work to keep the aircraft in ground running condition.

The XL426 is a B2 Vulcan and was the 44th of the 88 Vulcan B2s built.

It will be open from 10am with final admission at 4pm.

Entry costs £3.50 (no charge for under 16s) with £3 extra, whatever your age, for a cockpit tour subject to availability.

Animal lovers among county's best fundraisers

SOUTHEND residents have been crowned one of the top fundraising towns in the county after they raised £4,271.22 for animal charity Support Adoption For Pets.

The #MakesMeSmile fundraising campaign, organised by Support Adoption For Pets, raised £479,483 nationally by asking pet owners to share pictures of their smiling pets while donating £1 to the charity.

To find out more about the charity visit www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk.

Company boss who sold 'cancer cure' must pay back £160,000

A BUSINESSMAN convicted of selling potentially toxic products as a cancer cure has been ordered to pay back more than £160,000 following proceeds of crime act court action brought by Essex trading standards.

Roger Shelley, 67, of Olivia Drive, Leigh-on-Sea appeared before Basildon Crown Court on Wednesday, when the judge made a confiscation order of £160,580.39 against him.

Shelley was director of the Vitamin Service, Leigh-on-Sea, which sold courses of metabolic therapy treatments costing £500 a month.

The therapy used apricot kernels – which can be fatal in certain doses – as a natural source of vitamin B17.

He recommended doses for children and adults for the prevention and cure of cancer.

In February Shelley was given a six-month suspended prison sentence, 120 hours of unpaid work and his company fined £10,000 after he pleaded guilty to five charges brought by Essex trading standards.

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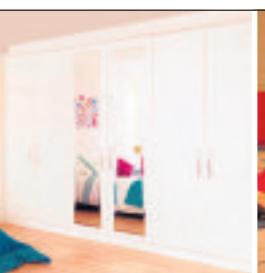
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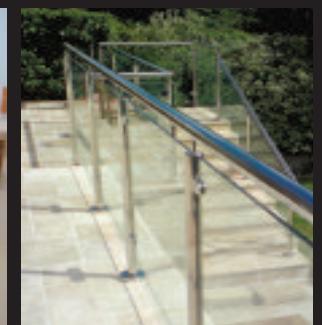
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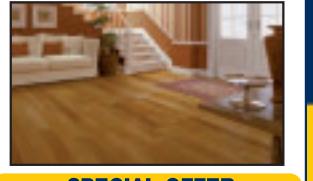
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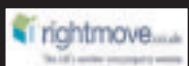
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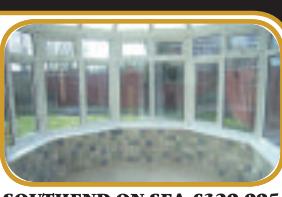
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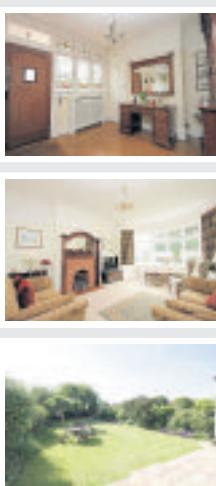
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Southend On Sea £675 pcm



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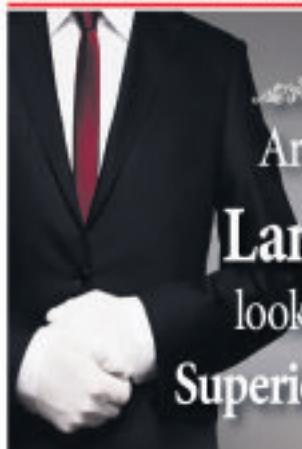
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£270,000

Rayleigh



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£315,000

Benfleet



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£284,995

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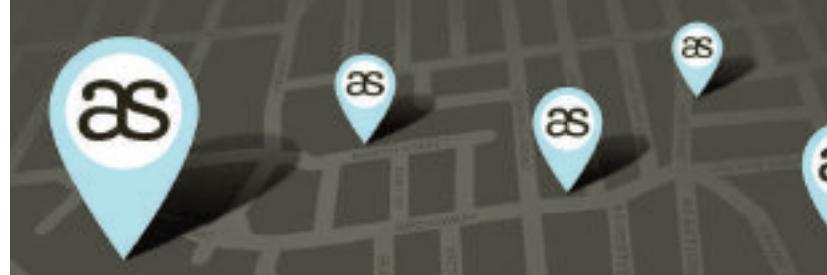


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Leigh-On-Sea

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Alan Kirkman

Q. Is the writing on the wall for traditional high street agents?

A. The short answer is no – at least, not any time soon. Of course, you're probably thinking, "Well, he would say that, wouldn't he?" But, looking round at the alternatives currently on offer, I can honestly say I'm not overly worried! Broadly speaking, there are two main alternatives to using a traditional agent. The first is to do it yourself. After all, it's certainly not impossible to sell your own home.

Some people do just that. But not many – and you need to ask yourself why.

The second alternative is to use an internet-only agent. These tend to attract a lot of media interest because they seem to be so 21st-century. After all, so the argument goes, you can buy and sell practically everything else online, so why should property be any different? Yet, some 10 years after the start of the much-trumpeted "online property revolution" – and despite charging much lower fees than conventional firms – internet-only agents still only account for a tiny proportion of total property sales.

So, why is this?

Well, for the simple reason that that there is a lot more to selling your home than simply



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prospective purchasers over your property? And if the first flurry of interest doesn't produce a buyer, what then? Remember, internet agents charge upfront. They've already had their money. Traditional agents, on the other hand, will continue to work actively with you to refresh your marketing campaign – if only because they don't get paid unless and until they actually achieve a sale! Of course, you can always dismiss all this as blatantly partisan. But just ask yourself this simple question. If DIY property sales are so easy, and if online agents do such a good job and offer such great value, how come some 95% of sellers still prefer to entrust a conventional estate agent with selling their most prized asset?



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What the law does state is that all electrical equipment within a rental property must be safe to use and that it's the landlord's responsibility to ensure this before tenants move in and, equally, during the tenancy too.

Most experts, including those from the Electrical Safety Council, recommend landlords make a visual inspection of all the electrical appliances provided within each rented property so check cables aren't worn or that plugs are damaged. It is also recommended that any new items feature the 'CE' kite mark which is the manufacturer's claim that it meets all European safety legislation.

Whether you then decide to get all the items PAT checked is a matter of choice not law. But most experts agree that, if landlords want peace of mind, then the £50-£100 it will cost to get a qualified electrician in to complete PAT checks is worth it. A visual examination is the most important factor, but if an item were to short and then catch fire then being able to prove that it had been PAT checked recently (every two years for smaller items and four years for larger ones) would help matters.

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OIEO £450,000



RAYLEIGH **Price Range** **£650,000-£680,000**

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- Four bedrooms
- Three receptions
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What's on and what's coming

THEY JUST WOULDN'T LET IT LIE

Vic and Bob take to the stage for their first tour in 20 years

By Liz Wade

TWENTY years after their last tour, Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer have announced they will be hitting the road again to celebrate a quarter of a century of poignant moments.

The tour, which starts in November, will be a nostalgic moment in the annals of comedy history and a hotly anticipated ticket for fans hoping to catch a glimpse of some of Vic and Bob's most popular characters including the Man With the Stick, The Stotts, and Mulligan and O'Hare, among others.

Vic said: "Destiny has led us to this point in time. Now, finally the diversion of Reeves and Mortimer can be revealed in full extent through a cornucopia of preposterous doggerel etc."

Bob added: "Playing in front of a living audience is where it all began for us. Some people feel most alive when they are on fire or in Turkey, but for us the stage is where we thrive."

"I will ensure that Vic arrives at all dates smartly dressed and unarmed. I promise not to mention football, JLS or apricots during the performances. Should you choose to attend, be warned, I will be not be wearing a toupe."

The 25 Years of Reeves and Mortimer: The Poignant Moments UK Tour has been so well received that 14 more dates have been

added, including an appearance at Southend's Cliffs Pavilion on Monday, February 8, 2016.

It will be Vic and Bob's first tour since 1995 and celebrates the first 25 years of their professional collaboration, from Vic Reeves Big Night Out on Channel 4 in 1990, through The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer on BBC Two in 1993/4, Bang, Bang It's Reeves & Mortimer on BBC Two in 1999 and on to Shooting Stars which appeared on BBC Two from 1999-2011.

The comedy pair can also be seen today on BBC Two, which is currently transmitting the second series of their sitcom House Of Fools.

Vic and Bob's previous live shows have included Vic Reeves Big Night Out The Brown Tour of 1591 in 1991, Puce 1694 in 1994 and Weathercock 1495 in 1995.

As always with Vic and Bob their latest tour promises some uplifting moments, some musical moments, maybe some magic, several dancing styles, some show of physical strength but always some poignant moments.

Meanwhile, star of stage and screen, Jason Donovan, will also be appearing at the Southend theatre next year, during his Ten Good Reasons and Greatest Hits Tour.

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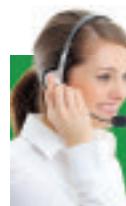
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MR HOLMES (PG, 104 mins)

No one is immune to the allure of that cruel and merciless mistress: time.

She saps strength and suppleness from athletic bodies, defies every cream to wither beauty and dulls the sharpest intellects.

Mr Holmes imagines the twilight years of one of literature's icons, who is facing the grim reality of dementia with what remains of his once-glorious wit, aided by doses of a rare restorative plant from Japan called prickly ash.

This Sherlock, portrayed with dignity and steely resolve by Sir Ian McKellen, is no longer the aloof master of deduction who traversed the pages of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's imagination.

Instead, he treads bees on the Sussex coast, haunted by the one case he failed to solve – if only he could recall the facts.

Bill Condon's slow-burning drama tests our little grey cells with a perplexing subplot: The Curious Case Of The Thrice Oscar-Nominated Actress and The Wayward Accent.

Laura Linney is one of the finest performers of her generation, but here she is undone by a vocal delivery that roams wildly between the West Country, Ireland and America.

Her valiant struggles are an unnecessary distraction.

The year is 1947 and Sherlock Holmes (McKellen), now 93, is a shadow of the brilliant logician, who once held court at 221b Baker Street flanked by Dr Watson

Holmes and away

SHADOW: Sir Ian McKellen
PA Photo/Giles Keyte/Entertainment One

(Colin Starkey) and Mrs Hudson (Sarah Crowden).

The ageing sleuth has retired to Cuckmere Haven, where he fusses over his hives, struggles to piece together fractured memories and infuriates his widowed housekeeper, Mrs Munro (Linney).

Her spirited son Roger (Milo Parker) is fascinated by Sherlock and the boy shows a natural aptitude with the bees.

"Exceptional children are often the product of unremarkable parents," Holmes coldly observes, wounding Mrs Munro.

The lad inspires Sherlock to delve into the fog of the past to recall his only unsolved case – a missing person enquiry in 1919 involving a distraught husband, Thomas Kilmot (Patrick Kennedy), and his beautiful wife Ann (Hattie Morahan).

As Sherlock's addled mind

drifts between that ill-fated pre-war investigation and the present, the old man edges ever closer to an inglorious end.

Mr Holmes is distinguished by McKellen's measured central performance and the strong support from rising star Parker.

The script slowly unravels the myth of the literary sleuth, including one bitter-sweet scene of the ageing Sherlock watching a film in which Basil Rathbone portrays him with unnatural gusto.

Plotting is pedestrian – there are no twists or big reveals – allowing us plenty of time to marvel at the picturesque locations, including one breathtaking shot of the White Cliffs of Dover.

We'll meet Holmes again, in many different guises, but few will be as heartbreakingly frail or haunting as this.

Released: June 19
RATING: 6.5/10

Stage

Especially for you: Jason plays the Cliffs

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Jason will play 20 dates on a UK-wide tour, his first as a solo artist for six years.

The tour, which includes an appearance at the Cliffs Pavilion on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, will be the first time he has toured with his Ten Good Reasons album.

The five times platinum album, became the biggest selling album in 1989 and today it remains a favourite with fans as it features two solo number one singles, Too Many Broken Hearts and Sealed with a Kiss, and features the duet, Especially for You, with Kylie Minogue, which also reached number one in the UK charts.

The 1980s icon shot to fame as Scott Robinson in Aussie TV soap Neighbours, which celebrated 30 years in production this year, before being signed to the Stock Aitken Waterman production team and Pete Waterman's label PWL.

Talking about re-living Ten Good Reasons and playing his Greatest Hits to an audience, Jason said: "You know, I've never played some of these songs live ever before. Music has a wonderful opportunity to put you in a time and place, an emotional connection that no other creative medium can. Ten Good Reasons was a defining moment for me and my fans. It was the perfect marriage between music and personality. I was 21 at the time, wow!"

"The opportunity to work with Stock Aitken and Waterman, who were the hottest producers at the time was a dream come true for me. I was a big fan of Rick Astley's album and absolutely loved Never Gonna Give You Up and couldn't believe my luck when working with SAW became a reality.

"The melodies, the production, the whole

package was like a first class ride."

Talking about the tour, he adds: "One of my favourite albums of all time was Peter Gabriel's So. When I saw ads recently for a So album tour, I thought what a good idea.

"The opportunity to play an album from top to bottom in its true authenticity while giving the fans exactly what they want.

"I plan to include some tracks in the second half from periods other than 1989, but the audience will know all the songs. All in all a great night, I hope."

Jason is no stranger to the stage, having appeared in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the London Palladium, and Priscilla Queen of the Desert at the Palace Theatre, London, as well as the UK touring productions of The Rocky Horror Show and Stephen Sondheim's Sweeney Todd,

He adds: "Whether it's theatre or touring I've always placed a high importance on giving my fans a great live show. I'm looking forward to bringing all the pieces together and creating a show that gives personality, some great memories and most importantly, giving the audience exactly what they want to hear."

"Although so much time has passed since I recorded Ten Good Reasons, it has the ability to transport us all back to the halcyon days on the 80s and 90s. It's so touching to have an album which has a place in so many people's hearts and one which remains a huge fans' favourite."

■ For tickets to see Vic and Bob at Southend's Cliffs Pavilion on February 8, 2016, or Jason Donovan on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit [https://southendtheatres.org.uk](http://southendtheatres.org.uk).

Liz at Large

Glimpse inside some secret gardens

GREEN-FINGERED enthusiasts are in for a treat on Sunday when residents in Writtle open their gardens to raise money for their church.

The picturesque Essex village saw more than 1,000 people join the Open Gardens event in 2013 and helped raise nearly £5,000 for the maintenance and upkeep of All Saints Church, which dates back to Norman times.

Organisers hope to beat 2013's record by welcoming more visitors and raising much needed cash.

Now in its 12th year, the event has eight more residents opening their gardens to bring the total that visitors can walk around to 20, as well as other interesting parts of the village – all of which can be accessed for the price of a £4 programme, with accompanied children under 16 visiting for free.

But no dogs are allowed.

The programme, containing a map of the village showing all the gardens and other places you can visit, will be available from the village green on the day of the event, which starts at noon with the opening ceremony on Writtle Green with Lord Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex and patron of the charity Friends of Writtle Parish

Church, followed by a quarter peal of bells from the church tower.

The 20 village gardens will be open to the public until 6pm so there will be plenty of time to amble around the village, see the gardens and Writtle Bowling Green, the village allotments and the grounds of Longmeads House community centre.

Check out the scarecrow competition in which children from the village will be taking part in, see the floral displays in the church by students from Writtle College's floristry department, an exhibition by Writtle Art Group in the parish office, and the plant and woodcraft sale on Writtle Green.

There will be refreshments around the village, including ploughman's lunches served in the Christian Centre from 12.30pm, and parking is available close to the duck pond, at Writtle College's Lordship Road car park and behind the Co-op in Bridge Street.

Other villages opening their gardens this weekend include Layer de la Haye and Earls Colne near

Colchester, Little Waltham near Chelmsford, and Bradfield, near Manningtree, all of which will cost between £3 and £4.50 to visit with free entry for accompanied children.

Residents in Layer de la Haye will open a variety of different gardens from 11am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday, displaying ponds, organic vegetable plots, koi carp, a bonsai collection, a woodland and a vineyard

where you can enjoy wine tasting. The event, which will raise money for village groups, includes cream teas and refreshments served on the verandah of a stunning country house. The Little Waltham Open Gardens event, from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, has residents opening their gardens to raise money for Farleigh Hospice. Open Gardens at Earls Colne, from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, will be raising money for Essex Air

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about



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■ Indoor Bowls – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Whist – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.

■ Pensioners stall – Bradwell Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance – Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.

■ Healing – in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for appointment.

■ Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8.9-9.30pm, details 0789 004744.

■ Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, 01268 727915.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

Tuesday, June 23

■ Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9, Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk](http://olivetreecentre.org.uk).

■ Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, Bring a blanket and your yoga mat, ages 16-plus, 07961 314983.

■ Social Dance Class – with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, 01702 546219/542349.

■ Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

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■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm, 01702 71511.

■ Tea Dance – Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm, 01702 584575.

■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.

■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.

■ The Puffers Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm, 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm, 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breath Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.

■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, 22 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John

Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7.9-45pm, for adults with learning disabilities, aged 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Arts – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all, 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constance Way, Shoeburyness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five, 01702 577656.

Wednesday, June 24

■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – The Chichester Tudor Room, Rawreth, SS11 8UE, 07850 607075. Dan Barnett's six-piece band.

■ Leigh-On-Sea Camera Club 86th annual exhibition – The Forum, Southend Library, normal library opening hours.

■ Southend Anglo Italian Circle – Leigh Centre, Elm Road, SS9 1SP, 8pm, £4.50, 01702 721277 www.italiancircle.co.uk.

■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm, £6 per session, Details Linda 01702 552260.

■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA, 07948 108195.

■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.

■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities, 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person, 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, 01268 771900.

for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom, 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm, 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.

■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1.2-3.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honoria 01268 574390.

■ Social afternoon of ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob, 01702 544112.

■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.

■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families, friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session, 01702 540111.

■ Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc refreshments and use of equipment, 01268 773100.

■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 771900.

■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, behind the church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am, 01268 465432.

■ Duplicate Bridge – Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

■ Brentwood Buddies – new social club for

ages 40-60, The Essex Arms, Warley Hill, Brentwood, 8pm. Contact Julie on 07969 071392 by text or phone before turning up.

Thursday, June 25

■ Summer Concert – John Seeley's Jazz Group, St Michael & All Angels Church, 62 Leigh Road, SS9 1LF, 8-10pm.

■ Jam Making – 2pm, Fernside Community Hall, North Avenue, SS2 4ET.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hall Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3; 1.30-3pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics, 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner, 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.

■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, handknits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.

■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm, 01268 770112.

■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Short Mat Bowls – Willows Park, James Hornby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoeburyness, 8-10pm, free healing, £3, 01702 476087.

■ Healing – The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, 10-11.30am.

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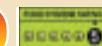
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Motoring

Suzuki's no-nonsense city slicker

By John Murdoch

THE Celerio is the latest offering from Japanese manufacturer Suzuki.

It replaces two models that have had decent success in the UK – the Alto city car and the Splash supermini.

With the new Vitara having just arrived, the company's UK range is now in good shape and the brand is hoping the Celerio will recover from the original launch recall.

The Celerio has a starting price of £7,999 and offers a substantial amount of space for the money.

The interior is capable of seating five thanks to the roomy cabin which has been created by a longer wheelbase and a high roofline.

City cars never offer huge boots but the Suzuki is larger than the average with 254 litres being available for luggage or the shopping.

Two powertrains are currently available both in 1.0-litre form.

The more expensive Dualjet technology engine offers greater torque and performance with a claimed 78.4mpg and emissions of just 84g/km.

This car came with the cheaper 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine with low CO2 emissions of 99g/km and a claimed fuel consumption figure of 65.7 miles per gallon.

The Suzuki Celerio isn't going to win any beauty contests but it is better looking than



FIZZY: Suzuki Celerio SZ4

the models it replaces.

It cannot match some of its rivals for style but it does offer a high level of standard equipment so personalisation options are limited largely to the colour you choose.

All models – even the basic SZ3 – come with alloy wheels and body-coloured bumpers, while the top-spec SZ4 tested adds colour-coded mirrors, a chrome grille and front fog lights.

Inside, all versions get DAB and Bluetooth, as well as air-conditioning, a USB connection and CD player.

The plastic materials used in the cabin are on the cheap side to keep costs down but everything is well screwed together and the instruments and controls are clear and easy to use.

The Celerio is not as much fun to drive as its Swift sibling but it is a sound choice for people who want a no-fuss, usable city car.

The elevated driving position gives you a good view of the road and it does have a great turning circle, making it ideal for town use.

The ride is quite smooth, although you do

feel it suffers when you hit larger bumps.

The steering is light – if lacking in feed-back – and it is easy to manoeuvre in tight spots. It takes the 67bhp 1.0-litre around 13 seconds to reach 62mph and it has a top speed of 96mph.

It feels surprisingly fizzy around town but it needs to be worked fairly hard to get up to motorway speeds.

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The Celerio is available in a choice of six colours, five of which are metallic options and one solid colour. Its low emissions mean no road tax and only a £1,000 differs the entry-level SZ3 model from the top trim SZ4.

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DEBUT: The Lexus GS F is ready to make an impression at the Goodwood Festival of Speed

Lexus poised for festival fling

By Mike Torpey

THE new high performance Lexus GS F will make its European public debut at the Goodwood Festival of Speed later this month.

It is the latest Lexus to carry the brand's F performance badge and will show off its pace and handling on Goodwood's hillclimb course with Toyota Gazoo Racing driver Mike Conway at the wheel.

Though it shares the same platform as the Lexus GS, the GS F benefits from extensive enhancements throughout, including the engine, which features a naturally aspirated 5.0-litre V8 unit producing 477bhp and 530Nm of torque.

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The festival date follows the car's world debut at the Detroit Motor Show earlier this year and first European appearance at the Geneva show in the spring.

While the GS F's Goodwood bow is an indication of its appearance on the road, details of a production version for the UK won't be announced until later in the year.

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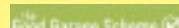
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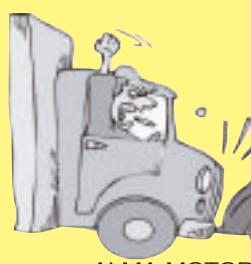
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The Replacement Waste Local Plan (RWLP) was formerly known as the Waste Development Document (WDD) and once adopted will replace the existing Waste Local Plan 2001. The previous stage in the preparation of the RWLP was the WDD: Preferred Approach – November 2011. Feedback from this consultation will inform the subsequent RWLP Submission stage consultation, before the Replacement Waste Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent Examination in Public.

All consultation documents can be accessed online via www.essex.gov.uk/WLP and www.southend.gov.uk/wastelocalplan. Paper copies of the main consultation document and its accompanying Non-Technical Summary are available at County Hall in Chelmsford, at the Civic Centre in Southend and at Essex and Southend libraries and district/borough/city council offices. Paper copies of the Sites Assessment & Methodology Report and the Areas of Search Assessment & Methodology will be available at Essex and Southend district/borough/city council offices and at the following libraries: Basildon, Braintree, Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow and Southend.

Representations on the Revised Preferred Approach and the Sustainability Appraisal – June 2015 are invited during the six-week period of public participation from 18 June to 30 July 2015 and must be received by 17:00 on 30 July. Representations can be submitted in any of the following ways: online via <http://consult.essexcc.gov.uk>, by email to mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk or in writing to: Minerals and Waste Planning (RPA), Planning and Environment, Essex County Council, Freepost CL 3636, E3 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1XZ.

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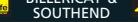
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Bilic eager to move Hammers forward

Football

Round-up by Brian Jeeves

WEST Ham United have appointed popular former defender Slaven Bilic as the club's new manager.

Bilic made 48 appearances for the Hammers between 1996 and 1997, and was capped 44 times by Croatia. He also went on to successfully manage his national team along with Turkish side Besiktas.

Subject to a work permit, he joins the club on a three-year contract.

Bilic told the club's official website: "I'm really glad to be back with West Ham. It's a big challenge and you are competing with the best and what better club to do it with than West Ham."

The new man at the helm wasted little time in adding quality to his squad, beating a host of Europe's top clubs to secure the signature of Spanish Under-21 international midfielder Pedro Obiang from Sampdoria.

Meanwhile, West Ham have

announced pre-season dates with Sky Bet League One outfit Southend United as well as Essex neighbours Colchester United.

Before those ties, the Hammers take on Peterborough United at London Road on Saturday, July 11 (3pm). They travel to Roots Hall on Saturday, July 18 (3pm) and then go to the Weston Homes Community Stadium on Tuesday, July 21 (7.45pm), both games are sure to attract big crowds for our local clubs.

With the Hammers' Europa League campaign due to start in early July, other local warm-up games have been added to their schedule. The east Londoners take the short trip across the river to play Charlton Athletic at the Valley on Saturday, July 25 (3pm), then face Barclays Premier League new boys Norwich City on Tuesday, July 28 (7.45pm), as part of the 80th anniversary of the east Anglian club's Carrow Road ground.

Popular defender Adam Barrett has agreed a new one-year deal

with Sky Bet League One newcomers Southend United. Blues fan Barrett, who has made more than 300 appearances for the Shrimpers, returned to the club in January from Gillingham. The player told the clubs website: "It's great to know where I'll be next season."

"It's been fantastic to come back and I want to be here a lot longer. I'm delighted to get the deal done and dusted and know where I'm going to be."

He added: "I always wanted to stay in some capacity. I still have a lot to offer and I remain hungry. I think I proved I can still do it and the fire is in the belly again. There was interest elsewhere but this was the only place I ever wanted to be. I want to play a big part next season."

There was good news for fans of Sky Bet League Two Dagenham & Redbridge. Defender Matt Partridge signed a new one-year contract at Victoria Road after a series of impressive displays. Partridge joined the Daggers following his release from Reading and made 28

appearances and scored his first goal in a 4-0 victory over Accrington Stanley at the back end of the season.

The Daggers also confirmed attractive pre-season friendlies with Premier League Crystal Palace and local rivals Southend United. The Shrimpers make the short trip on Saturday, July 25 (3pm), while the Eagles visit Victoria Road on Monday, August 3 (7.30pm).

Leiston Orient head coach Ian Hendon has moved quickly to snap up midfielder Sammy Moore and defender Sean Clohessy. Moore arrived at Brisbane Road after a successful five-year spell at AFC Wimbledon, while 28-year-old Clohessy previously appeared for both Southend United and Colchester United.

However, last season's top scorer Chris Dagnall has opted for a move to Indian Super League club Kerala Blasters. Dagnall, 29, found the net 13 times during the last campaign, this from a total of 20 in 62 appearances for the O's.

Non-league round-up

Hodgson new Hullbridge boss

by Brian Jeeves

ESSEX Senior League outfit Hullbridge Sports have announced Rob Hodgson as their new first team manager.

Hodgson, 25, who had previously captained the Lower Road club, will be assisted by defender Aaron Hunwicks. They take up their roles after the surprise departure of Mark Bliss at the end of the 2014/15 campaign.

Grays Athletic have also bolstered their coaching staff with former Premier League star Glen Little now assisting Blues manager Mark Bentley. Little, who played in the top flight with Reading, returned to Grays after holding a similar post at Welling.

National Conference Premier club Braintree Town have announced they will be playing a Southend United XI at Cressing Road on Friday, July 17, kick-off 7.45pm.

Conference South club Chelmsford City were pleased that captain Mark Hughes has put pen to paper on a new deal.

Northern Ireland international Hughes joined the Clarets in 2013 from Eastleigh, and has since made 83 appearances for the Melbourne Stadium club.

City also confirmed that promising young winger Joe Ward has joined Championship club Brighton and Hove Albion on a development contract for an undisclosed fee.

Meanwhile, Chelmsford have announced prestigious pre-season friendly matches against teams from West Ham United and Charlton Athletic. The Hammers travel to the Melbourne Stadium on Friday, July 17, (7.30pm), while the Addicks visit on Tuesday August 4 (7.45pm).

Ryman Premier League Canvey Island have continued to shape their pre-season activities.

Avley make the short trip to Park Lane on Saturday, July 18, while old adversaries AFC Hornchurch visit a week later on July 25. Both fixtures kick-off at 3pm.

On Saturday, August 1, the Gulls will take on Ramsgate at home and not Cheshunt as previously announced.

Manager Danny Heale bolstered his squad further with the exciting signing of Tambeson Eyang from Margate. Eyang, who also starred with Dagenham and Redbridge, Grays and AFC Hornchurch, started the last campaign at Park Lane before switching to the Kent outfit.

The Gulls are also pleased to announce a warm-up game with Southend United. The Shrimpers visit Park Lane on Wednesday, July 22 (7.45pm).

Fresh from appointing Dean Holdsworth as director of football, Brentwood Town announced that a Dagenham and Redbridge squad side will visit the Brentwood Arena on Tuesday, July 7 (7.30pm).

AFC Hornchurch have signed striker Dave Knight from Wingate & Finchley for an undisclosed fee. Knight scored 31 times last season and was runner-up for the Ryman League's Golden Boot award.

Ryman League One North outfit Great Wakering Rovers will look for a big turnout at Burroughs Park when local rivals Southend United are the visitors.

The game takes place on Wednesday, July 15 (7.45pm) with tickets available at the turnstiles.

ProKit UK Essex Olympian League White Ensign are undergoing a makeover at their Len Forge Centre ground. A new 3G playing surface is currently being laid, while manager Aaron Bloxham informed *Yellow Sport* of an away friendly match with Southminster St Leonards on Saturday, July 25.

Eagles soar to victory over Gloucester

Cricket

Essex Eagles v Gloucestershire
(Essex Eagles won by 18 runs)

Brian Jeeves reporting from the

Essex County Ground

ESSEX Eagles thrilled a bumper Chelmsford crowd of around 5,000, beating Gloucestershire by 18 runs to notch up their second NatWest T20 Blast success in as many matches.

Despite a disappointing T20 campaign to date, Essex went into this clash against much fancied Gloucestershire in a buoyant mood and were looking to build on an impressive six-wicket triumph over Surrey at the Oval.

The visitors won the toss and offered Essex the opportunity to bat. And that looked like a bad call as opening pair Mark Pettini and Jesse Ryder raced to 46 off just 4.1 overs, before New Zealander Ryder (10) was caught by Benny Howell off the bowling of David Payne.

Pettini continued to torment Gloucestershire, reaching his half-century off just 32 balls, including 10 fours.

Able assisted by Tom Westley, Essex continued to dominate, and passed 100 in the 10th over.

The visitors gained some form of respite when Jones stumped Pettini (68) off Kieran Noema-Barrett's first ball. Westley soon followed, snared on the boundary by Chris Dent off Tom Smith.

The fightback continued. Ravi Bopara was back in the hutch off



OPENER: Mark Pettini

the very next delivery, falling lbw to Smith with Essex now 118-4.

Ryan ten Doeschate and Nick Browne looked to steady the ship, but Essex soon made the breakthrough, the former, caught by Napier off Westley having mustered five. Then Cockbain (2) followed, bowled by Masters with the visitors on 13-2.

Klinger was steady, if not spectacular, but the visitors were soon in further trouble as Handscomb (4) departed, ten Doeschate taking the catch off Tait. And their problems depended when Napier bowled Jones (6) with Gloucestershire floundering on 56-4.

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without scoring.

Dent and Michael Klinger instigated the Gloucestershire response, but Essex soon made the breakthrough, the former, caught by Napier off Westley having mustered five. Then Cockbain (2) followed, bowled by Masters with the visitors on 13-2.

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lor (bowled 0) in successive balls, the game was all but up for the West Country men.

Klinger gamely battled on, reaching his century with a huge six off Tait. But the visitors fell short, despite spirited knocks from Fuller (26*) and Klinger (104*) Essex ran out winners by 18 runs.

Essex: Mark Pettini, Jesse Ryder, Tom Westley, Ravi Bopara, Ryan ten Doeschate, Kishen Velani, James Foster, Graham Napier, David Masters, Nick Brown, Shaun Tait.

Gloucestershire: Chris Dent, Michael Klinger, Ian Cockbain, Peter Handscomb, Geraint Jones+, Kieran Noema-Barnett, Benny Howell, Jack Taylor, James Fuller, Tom Smith, David Payne.

Essex sink toothless Sharks

ESSEX enhanced their chances of qualification for the quarter-finals by following up with a notable seven-wicket win over Sussex Sharks at Hove.

The hosts posted 140-9 from their 20 overs, Shaun Tait the pick of the Essex attack with figures of 3-29.

Eagles surpassed the total with 20 balls to spare. Mark Pettini (48) and Tom Westley (47) helped the visitors to 144-3.

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